GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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PRODUCTION / EXPORT OF TEA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total area, production, productivity, cost of production per hectare and rate of return of tea during each of the last three years upto March 31, 2002, State-wise;

(b) the average per. Kg. Sale price of tea in the domestic as well as in the international market alongwith the per kg. Cost of production;

(c) whether export of Indian tea has been declined or stagnant for the last few years as compare to that of other competitor countries;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard for the last five years and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Indian tea is being sold at lower prices than that of other countries;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(g) whether production of tea in some States such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala is declining year by year;

(h) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(i) the specific steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government /Tea Board for promotion / production of tea including organic tea in the country and also to encourage tea production in other non - traditional States like Uttaranchal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to
(i): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.